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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Authority to Procure Sufficient Additional Dry Spent Fuel Storage Casks for Placement at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Located in the Town of Two Creeks, Manitowoc County to Allow Operation of the Plant to the End of the Current Licensed Life

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NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Prehearing Conference Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2000 – 10:00 a.m.

Conference Location: Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,

Madison, WI – Amnicon Falls Hearing Room

THIS IS A PROCEEDING pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 112 to consider the application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (applicant) for authority to construct and place into service up to 36 additional dry cask storage units at its Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant (PBNPP), located in the town of Two Creeks, Manitowoc County. No specific cask type is specified in the application. Applicant states that the construction of additional dry spent fuel storage casks is necessary to allow the two PBNPP units to operate to the end of their current licenses, 2010 and 2013 for Units 1 and 2, respectively.

Copies of the construction application are available for public review at the public libraries in Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Copies of the construction application are also available at the office of the clerks for Kewaunee and Manitowoc Counties, as well as the office of the clerks for the towns of Carlton and Two Creeks. Public entities receiving this notice are asked to post it in a publicly accessible location.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Tuesday, September 5, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service

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Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge Jeffry J. Patzke, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). While the preparation of neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11, nor an environmental assessment (EA) is normally required for such an action, an EA will be prepared on the proposal. Persons wishing to comment on the environmental aspects of the proposal should contact Sally Jenkins, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854. Ms. Jenkins can also be reached by phone at (608) 266-3900 or via e-mail at jenkis@psc.state.wi.us. To be considered in this analysis, comments must be received within 14 days of the mailing date of this notice.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

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Questions regarding this matter may be di (608) 266-9658 or via e-mail at kitsej@psc.state.	irected to case coordinator Jeffery Kitsembel at wi.us.
Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,	
By the Commission:	
Lynda L. Dorr Secretary to the Commission	

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